

GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Discussion Topics from Groundwater Management Areas Subcommittee

April 6, 2006 Meeting

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Determine consensus on issues listed in Attachment A - 10:15 to 10:30
2. Use of enforceable limits vs. best management practices in the groundwater management plans - 10:30 to 11:05
2. Designation of other groundwater management areas - 11:05 to 11:40
3. Funding for preparation, implementation and enforcement of groundwater management plans - 11:40 to 12:00

COMMITTEE CHARGE

A. 2003 Act 310, Section 15. Nonstatutory provisions.

(2)(e) No later than December 31, 2006, the groundwater advisory committee shall report to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over environmental matters . . . recommendations for legislation to address the management of groundwater in the following areas, and administrative rules to implement the legislation:. . .

1. Groundwater management areas, as designated under section 281.34 (9) (a) of the statutes, as created by this act.
2. Other areas of the state in which the withdrawal of groundwater over the long term adversely affects the availability of water for use or adversely affects water quality due to the effects of drawdown of the groundwater and in which there is a need for a coordinated response among the state, local governmental units, regional planning commissions, and public and private users of groundwater to address the effects on groundwater availability or quality.

(f) The groundwater advisory committee shall recommend under paragraph (e) a coordinated strategy for addressing groundwater management issues by affected local governmental units and regional planning commissions with the assistance of the department of natural resources and other state agencies. The committee shall include in its recommendations under paragraph (e) recommendations for a mitigation program for groundwater management areas that is similar to the mitigation program in section 281.34 (8) (d) of the statutes, as created by this act. The committee shall also recommend under this paragraph whether areas described in paragraph (e) 2. should be designated as groundwater management areas and, once designated, how and when to remove the designation of an area as a groundwater management area. The committee shall consult with affected local governmental units in the preparation of the recommendations under paragraph (e).

B. Groundwater management areas, as designated under section 281.34 (9) (a) of the statutes,

Sec. 28134 (9) GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS. (a) The department shall, by rule, designate 2 groundwater management areas including and surrounding Brown County and Waukesha County consisting of the entire area of each city, village, and town at least a portion of which is within the area in which, on May 7, 2004, the groundwater potentiometric surface has been reduced 150 feet or more from the level at which the potentiometric surface would be if no groundwater had been pumped.

ATTACHMENT A

DECISION ISSUES	CONSENSUS? Date
GMAs are required to prepare a groundwater management plan	
Administrative rule establishes requirements for developing a groundwater management plan	
Different planning entities may do the planning in different parts of the state	
Plans for different GMAs may be different, but must meet requirements set by rule	
Rule will identify the type of information that must be reviewed and considered in the plans	
Rule will identify the best management practices that must be considered in the plan	
Rule will Identify standard that is being managed to.	
Requirement to manage all aquifers concurrently to minimize ecological impact, to limit impacts to base flow of streams, and to sustain groundwater quality and quantity for future generations	